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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10.14.2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4-21 and 28-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 28-37 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 13-15 and 18-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-12, 16 and 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/55/06)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/11/2008 and 04/14/2008
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to **claims 1, 4-21 and 28-37** have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Double Patenting

2. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

3. **Claims 1, 13-15 and 18-21** are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over **claims 1-7** of copending Application No. **11/174,040 (US 2006/0004305)**. **In reference to claim 1 of the current application**, although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the difference between **claim 1 of the current application** and **claim 7 (as it encompasses claims 1-6) of application '040** lies in the fact that claim 7 of application '040 includes many more element and is thus much more specific. Thus claim 7 of application

'040 is in effect a "species" of the "generic" invention of claim 7 of the current application. It has been held that the generic invention is "anticipated" by the "species". *See In re Goodman*, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993). Since claim 1 of the current application is anticipated by claim 7 of application '040, it is not patentably distinct from claim 1 of application '040. **As to claim 13 of the current application**, the limitations can be found in claim 7 of application '040. **As to claim 14 of the current application**, the limitations can be found in claim 2 of application '040. **As to claim 15 of the current application**, the limitations can be found in claim 1 of application '040.

4. **In reference to claim 18 of the current application**, although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the difference between **claim 18 of the current application and claim 7 (as it encompasses claims 1-6) of application '040** lies in the fact that claim 7 of application '040 includes many more element and is thus much more specific. Thus claim 7 of application '040 is in effect a "species" of the "generic" invention of claim 18 of the current application. It has been held that the generic invention is "anticipated" by the "species". *See In re Goodman*, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993). Since claim 18 of the current application is anticipated by claim 7 of application '040, it is not patentably distinct from claim 7 of application '040. **As to claim 19 of the current application**, the limitations can be found in claims 1 and 7 of application '040. **As to claim 20 of the current application**, the limitations can be found in claim 7 (as it encompasses claims 1-6) of application '040. **As to claim 21 of the current application**, the limitations can be found in claim 7 (as it encompasses claims 1-6) of application '040.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims **28-37** are allowed. The prior art does not disclose moving the outer shaft in a proximal direction relative to the inner shaft and the handle while the inner shaft remains fixed relative to the handle to release the bronchial isolation device from the housing.

7. Claims **4-12, 16 and 17** are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The prior art does not disclose an actuation member coupled to the handle, wherein movement of the actuation member causes the outer shaft to move relative to the inner shaft and the handle.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NIHIR PATEL whose telephone number is (571)272-4803. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 to 4:30 every other Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patricia Bianco can be reached on (571) 272-4940. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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